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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is one (1) sheet of formal drawings to be substituted for

FIG. 8 of the drawings initially filed in the above-identified application.

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